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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, the undersigned respectfully requests amendment of the application as follows.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 8-10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a non-provisional application filed under 1.53(b) claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 to co-pending application Serial Number 09/460,587, filed December 14, 1999, which is a divisional of application Serial Number 09/097,309, filed June 12, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,121,428, which claims the benefit under 35 USC § 119(e) to provisional application number 60/050,951, filed June 13, 1997, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--